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REMARKS

During the International phase, prior to publication of the International Preliminary

Examination Report, Applicants filed Amended Sheets, which replaced the originally filed

claims 1-34 with the currently pending Claims 1-15. The International Examination Report was

prepared for the currently pending Claims 1-15.

In the present Amendment, Applicants correct a typographical error in the TITLE, clarify

the chain of applications to which the present application claims priority, cancel currently

pending Claims 1-15, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add NEW Claims 16-37, which are

directed to the same subject matter as the cancelled claims. Accordingly, after entry of the

present Amendment, Claims 16-37 are before the Examiner and examination on the merits is

respectfully requested. Support for the NEW Claims can be found in the specification and the

claims as originally filed with the application (e.g., page 4, lines 3-8; complete pages 5-7; page

14, lines 4-13; page 16, lines 35-37; page 17, lines 9-37; and page 18, lines 13-18).

No fees are seen as being necessary for the filing of this paper, however, if a fee is

deemed necessary for the entry of this amendment, please charge any additional fees, including

any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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